

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7531

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMCONSUL KARACHI

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E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, CH

SUBJECT: BANK OF CHINA REFUSAL TO CASH AMERICAN EXPRESS  
TRAVELERS CHECKS

REF: KARACHI 1576 NOTAL

1. BANK OF CHINA BRANCH IN PEKING HOTEL HAS  
POSTED NOTICE IN ENGLISH DATED APRIL 1, 1977  
STATING THAT THE BANK OF CHINA HAS "SEVERED  
ALL RELATIONS" WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS AND THAT  
HENCEFORTH NO AMEX TRAVELERS CHECKS WILL BE  
CASHED IN CHINA.

2. NOTICE FURTHER STATES THAT BANK OF AMERICA  
TRAVELERS CHECKS AND MANUFACTURERS HANOVER  
MONEY ORDERS ARE THE ONLY US BANK INSTRUMENTS  
WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TRAVELERS. NO  
REFERENCE WAS MADE TO FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK,  
BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT FNCB TRAVELERS CHECKS ARE ALSO  
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NOT ACCEPTABLE.

3. COMMENT: UNTIL RECENTLY, TRAVELERS HAVE FOUND  
THAT THEY FREQUENTLY WERE ABLE TO CASH AMEX AND  
FNCB CHECKS THROUGHOUT CHINA, ALTHOUGH AT TIMES  
ONLY AFTER SOME DELAY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS  
PROMPTED THIS NEW POSITION BY THE BANK OF CHINA.

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